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As a software engineer with 18 years' experience using or developing software for Unix, Windows, Macintosh, and Linux, I'd like to comment on the Proposed Final Judgement in United States v. Microsoft. I am concerned that the Proposed Final Judgement will not be effective in stopping Microsoft from illegally maintaining its monopoly.

Specifically, I am most concerned that no part of the Proposed Final Judgement obligates Microsoft to release any information about file formats, even though undocumented Microsoft file formats form part of the Applications Barrier to Entry.

I believe that the Proposed Final Judgment as written allows and encourages significant anticompetitive practices to continue, and would delay the emergence of competing Windows-compatible operating systems. The Proposed Final Judgment is not in the public interest, and should not be adopted without addressing these issues.

Thank you,  
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